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SUBJECT: DESMUND TUTU'S DEPARTURE MESSAGE TO RWANDA

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1. SUMMARY: ARCHBISHOP DESMUND TUTU DELIVERED FAREWELL  
REMARKS TO A HASTILY CONVENED ASSEMBLY OF MINISTERS,  
MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, DIPLOMATS AND CHURCH  
REPRESENTATIVES JULY 30, BUILDING ON A MESSAGE NE  
DELIVERED YESTERDAY TO A PACKED ECUMENICAL SERVICE AT THE  
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KIGALI STADIUM. HE CALLED FOR AN END TO THE CYCLE OF

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REVENGE AND FOR A NEW CYCLE OF FORGIVENESS,  
RECONCILIATION AND PEACE. END SUMMARY.

2. AFTER CONVEYING GREETINGS TO RWANDA FROM MEMBERS OF THE ALL AFRICA CONFERENCE OF CHURCHES, AND FROM THE NEW SOUTH AFRICA, TUTU COMMENTED ON HIS PARTY'S VISIT TO THE MASSACRE SITE AT NTARAMA EARLIER TODAY. A ROUGH TRANSCRIPTION OF HIS REMARKS, PART SPEECH AND PART PRAYER, FOLLOWS.

3. BEGIN REMARKS: I AM SHATTERED. YESTERDAY I SAID YOU HAD BEEN THROUGH HELL, WALKED THROUGH THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH. SOMETIMES IT IS DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE WE HUMAN BEINGS ARE CAPABLE OF THE KIND OF THINGS WE DO. ANY RIGHT-THINKING PERSON WILL WANT TO CONDEMN ALL THAT MASSACRE, KILLING AND GENOCIDE WITHOUT QUALIFICATION. WE SAID WE HAVE COME TO EXPRESS OUR SOLIDARITY WITH YOU IN THE AGONY YOU HAVE EXPERIENCED. AND REALLY, WE ARE STRUCK DUMB. WE HAVE NO RIGHT, REALLY, TO SPEAK. WE COME SEEKING TO ASSURE YOU OF THE LOVE, THE CONCERN, AND THE CARING OF GOD. OUR GOD DOES NOT TAKE A HOLIDAY; OUR GOD IS ALWAYS THERE. WE COME NOT AS OMNISCIENT KNOW-ALLS, TRYING TO PRESCRIBE READY-MADE BLUEPRINT SOLUTIONS. WE HAVE BEEN AMAZED AND GIVE THANKS TO GOD THAT PEOPLE WHO COULD HAVE BEEN PROVOKED TO AN ORGY OF REPRISAL AND REVENGE HAVE, BY AND LARGE, BEEN RESTRAINED AND HAVE SOMEHOW BEEN GIVEN THE CAPACITY TO HOLD BACK THEIR BITTERNESS, ANGER AND NATURAL DESIRE FOR REVENGE.

4. TUTU CONTINUED: WE AGREE THERE MUST BE JUSTICE FOR  
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THOSE WHO ARE FOUND GUILTY OF HAVING PERPETRATED THESE ATROCITIES, OR OF HAVING INSTIGATED OTHERS TO COMMIT ATROCITIES. THEY SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO JUSTICE AND THEIR IMPUNITY ENDED. BUT JUSTICE CANNOT BE THE LAST WORD. AS I STOOD AT THAT SITE THIS MORNING, I THOUGHT, HERE I AM, A GRANDFATHER WITH FOUR GRANDCHILDREN. I HAVE A WIFE. I HAVE FOUR CHILDREN, FOUR CHILDREN-IN-LAW. I HAVE BROTHERS, RELATIVES. AND IF BY AN ACCIDENT OF HISTORY I HAD BEEN BORN IN THIS COUNTRY, PERHAPS I, TOO, WOULD BE SAYING MY WIFE, MY CHILDREN, MY GRANDCHILDREN HAVE BEEN

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KILLED.

5. I COME TO RWANDA AS AN AFRICAN. I COME AS ONE WHO WILLY-NILLY SHARES IN THE SHAME, IN THE DISGRACE, IN THE FAILURES OF AFRICA BECAUSE I AM AN AFRICAN. WHAT HAPPENS HERE, OR IN NIGERIA, OR WHEREVER IN AFRICA, EVEN THOUGH I AM IN SOUTH AFRICA, THAT BECOMES PART OF MY EXPERIENCE, JUST AS I SHARE THE SUCCESSES IN AFRICA WITH MY PARTICIPATION IN AFRICAN-NESS. AND SO AS AN AFRICAN, A HUMAN BEING, AND ESPECIALLY AS A CHRISTIAN, I SPEAK TO YOU FOR THEM: LET US BREAK THE CYCLE OF VIOLENCE, THE CYCLE OF REPRISAL GIVING RISE TO COUNTER-REPRISAL, WHEN TOP DOG BECOMES UNDERDOG AND UNDERDOG WANTS TO BECOME TOP DOG AGAIN. PEOPLE HAVE WANTED FOR MANY, MANY YEARS TO REDRESS BALANCES. LET US BREAK THE CYCLE.

6. WE WENT TO THE CENTRAL PRISON YESTERDAY AND I MUST SAY CONDITIONS THERE ARE A DISASTER WAITING TO HAPPEN. WE HOPE THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY CAN HELP TO EASE THAT SITUATION, BUT WE ARE SCARED RESENTMENT WILL BUILD UP ON THE PART OF ONE GROUP WAITING TO GET ITS OWN BACK, AND SO

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I MAKE MY APPEAL: PLEASE GOD GIVE ME THE ELOQUENCE, THE RIGHT WORDS TO TOUCH THE HEARTS OF THE BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN AND OUT OF RWANDA. THEY MUST KNOW THERE CAN BE NO FUTURE WITHOUT FORGIVENESS. THERE WILL BE NO FUTURE UNLESS THERE IS PEACE. THERE CAN BE NO PEACE UNLESS THERE IS RECONCILIATION. BUT THERE CAN BE NO RECONCILIATION UNLESS THERE IS FORGIVENESS, AND NO FORGIVENESS UNLESS PEOPLE REPENT. I PRAY GOD WILL TOUCH THEIR HEARTS, THAT THEY MAY KNOW THEY HAVE ONLY ONE MOTHERLAND, ONLY ONE FUTURE. .... THIS IS A BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY, WITH BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE. TOUCH THEIR HEARTS SO THAT THEY KNOW THEY ARE BOUND TOGETHER AS ONE. TOUCH THE HEARTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, THAT IT MAY BE GENEROUS WITH HELP TO HEAL THIS LAND. HELP RWANDANS FIND THEIR ROOTS; MAKE THEM ONE NATION, ONE PEOPLE. END

TUTU'S REMARKS.

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6. PRIME MINISTER TWAGIRAMUWGU RESPONDED BRIEFLY,  
RECOGNIZING TUTU'S ROLE IN THE RECONCILIATION OF BLACKS  
AND WHITES IN SOUTH AFRICA AND THANKING HIM FOR HIS  
MESSAGE OF PEACE AND PARDON. WHALEY

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